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SUBJ: PRIME MINISTER ANNOUNCES GOVERNMENT POLICY ON NUCLEAR
SAFEGUARDS

1. IN A STATEMENT IN PARLIAMENT ON MAY 24, PRIME MINISTER FRASER ANNOUNCED "GOVERNMENT POLICY ON NUCLEAR SAFEGUARDS." HIGHLIGHTS OF STATEMENT ARE SET FORTH BELOW:
"FIRST, IT WILL BE A BASIC FEATURE OF OUR APPROACH TO RECOGNISE THAT THE PROCESS OF STRENGTHENING AND IMPROVING INTERNATIONAL SAFEGUARDS ARRANGEMENTS IS AN ONGOING ONE. OUR POLICY AND SAFEGUARDS ARRANGEMENTS MUST BE KEPT CLOSELY UNDER REVIEW TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE FUTURE EVOLUTION OF INTERNATIONAL THINKING OF SAFEGUARDS. IN THIS REGARD THE GOVERNMENT IS PLEASED THAT, AS RECENTLY ANNOUNCED, MR. JUSTICE FOX HAS AGREED TO BECOME AN ADVISER TO ME ON POLICY MATTERS RELATING TO NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION AND SAFEGUARDS. "SECOND, SHOULD THE GOVERNMENT APPROVE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THE AUSTRALIAN URANIUM INDUSTRY
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IT WILL RETAIN THE RIGHT TO BE SELECTIVE IN THE COUNTRIES TO WHOM URANIUM EXPORT WILL BE PERMITTED. THE FOLLOWING MINIMUM CRITERIA FOR ELIGIBILITY TO RECEIVE AUSTRALIAN URANIUM WILL APPLY:

1. IN THE CASE OF NON-NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES - THAT IS TO SAY ALL COUNTRIES OTHER THAN THE FIVE EXISTING NUCLEAR WEAPONS POWERS RECOGNIZED BY THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY - SALES WILL BE MADE

ONLY TO COUNTRIES WHICH ARE PARTIES TO THE NON PROLIFERATION TREATY. BECAUSE OF THESE COUNTRIES' SAFEGUARDS OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY THIS POLICY WILL MAKE SURE THAT THE ENTIRE CIVIL NUCLEAR INDUSTRY IN SUCH CUSTOMER COUNTRIES IS SUBJECT TO EFFECTIVE SAFEGUARDS TO VERIFY THAT NUCLEAR MATERIAL, WHETHER OF AUSTRALIAN OR ANY OTHER ORIGIN, IS NOT DIVERTED FROM PEACEFUL USES. THE GOVERNMENT IS AWARE THAT WORK HAS RECENTLY BEEN UNDERWAY WITHIN THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY ON A NEW SYSTEM OF EQUALLY STRINGENT SAFEGUARDS TO COVER THE ENTIRE NUCLEAR INDUSTRY IN NON-NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES WHICH ARE NOT PARTIES TO THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY. IT WILL BE FOLLOWING PROGRESS ON THIS MATTER AND THE IMPLICATIONS WHICH IT MAY HAVE FOR OUR POLICY.

2. REGARDING EXISTING NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES ... AUSTRALIA WOULD WANT TO HAVE ASSURANCE THAT NUCLEAR MATERIAL WE MAY SUPPLY FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES IS NOT DIVERTED TO MILITARY OR EXPLOSIVE PURPOSES. WE WILL THEREFORE EXPORT ONLY TO NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES WHICH GIVE AUSTRALIA THIS ASSURANCE AND ACCEPT THAT THE URANIUM WE SUPPLY BE COVERED BY INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY SAFEGUARDS.

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"THIRD, THE GOVERNMENT WISHES TO MAKE SURE THAT IF A DECISION IS TAKEN TO PERMIT NEW URANIUM EXPORT, THE URANIUM WILL BE

COVERED BY INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY SAFEGUARDS FROM THE TIME IT LEAVES AUSTRALIAN OWNERSHIP. AS MATTERS STAND, WHILE SAFEGUARDS APPLIED UNDER THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY REQUIRE NOTIFICATION OF TRANSFERS OF YELLOWCAKE, THE FULL INTENSITY OF SUCH SAFEGUARDS ONLY COMMENCES TO APPLY LATER IN THE FUEL CYCLE. ACCORDINGLY, IT WILL BE THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY THAT ANY FUTURE SALES ARRANGEMENTS FOR EXPORTS OF AUSTRALIAN URANIUM SHOULD BE SUCH THAT THE URANIUM WILL BE IN A FORM WHICH ATTRACTS FULL INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY SAFEGUARDS BY THE TIME IT LEAVES AUSTRALIAN OWNERSHIP.

"FOURTH, AUSTRALIA WILL REQUIRE THE PRIOR CONCLUSION OF BILATERAL AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT AND COUNTRIES WISHING TO IMPORT AUSTRALIAN URANIUM UNDER ANY FUTURE CONTRACTS. THESE BILATERAL AGREEMENTS WILL PROVIDE A FRAMEWORK FOR DIRECT AND BINDING ASSURANCES BY IMPORTING COUNTRIES TO THE AUSTRALIAN

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GOVERNMENT IN RELATION TO THE USE AND CONTROL OF URANIUM SUPPLIED BY AUSTRALIA OR NUCLEAR MATERIAL DERIVED FROM ITS USE ... THAT NUCLEAR MATERIAL SUPPLIED BY AUSTRALIA FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES OR NUCLEAR MATERIAL DERIVED FROM ITS USE WILL NOT BE DIVERTED TO MILITARY OR EXPLOSIVE PURPOSES AND THAT INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY SAFEGUARDS WILL APPLY TO VERIFY COMPLIANCE WITH THIS UNDERTAKING. AUSTRALIA WOULD SEEK TO ARRANGE WITH URANIUM IMPORTING COUNTRIES REGULAR EXPERT-LEVEL CONSULTATIONS TO SATISFY OURSELVES OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF BILATERAL AGREEMENTS... AUSTRALIA WOULD RETAIN THE RIGHT TO CEASE SUPPLY OF URANIUM TO ANY COUNTRY WHICH BREACHED SAFEGUARDS UNDERTAKINGS.

"FIFTH, THE GOVERNMENT TAKES THE VIEW THAT NUCLEAR MATERIAL SUPPLIED BY AUSTRALIA OR NUCLEAR MATERIAL DERIVED FROM ITS USE SHOULD REMAIN UNDER SAFEGUARDS FOR THE FULL LIFE OF THE MATERIAL IN QUESTION OR UNTIL IT IS LEGITIMATELY REMOVED FROM SAFEGUARDS... THE GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED THAT BILATERAL AGREEMENTS WITH NON-NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES SHOULD MAKE PROVISION FOR SO-CALLED FALLBACK SAFEGUARDS. I HAVE ALREADY MADE CLEAR THAT AUSTRALIA WOULD NOT BE PREPARED TO EXPORT URANIUM TO SUCH COUNTRIES IN THE ABSENCE OF INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY SAFEGUARDS APPLIED UNDER THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY. HOWEVER, THE QUESTION ARISES OF ENSURING THE CONTINUED SAFEGUARDING OF MATERIAL ALREADY PRESENT IN AN IMPORTING COUNTRY SHOULD SAFEGUARDS UNDER THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY AT SOME STAGE CEASE TO APPLY IN THAT COUNTRY. THERE SHOULD BE PROVISION UNDER THE BILATERAL AGREEMENTS FOR THE CONTINUED APPLICATION OF INTERNATIONAL SAFEGUARDS IN SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES. FURTHER, THE BILATERAL AGREEMENTS SHOULD PROVIDE FOR AUSTRALIA TO MAKE ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SAFEGUARDING OF NUCLEAR MATERIAL SUPPLIED BY US IN THE EVENT OF INTERNATIONAL SAFEGUARDS AS SUCH CEASING

TO OPERATE ... THE GOVERNMENT FEELS IT IS REASONABLE TO ASK
IMPORTING COUNTRIES WHO WILL ALREADY ACCEPT INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC
ENERGY AGENCY SAFEGUARDS OF COMPREHENSIVE SCOPE UNDER THE NON-
PROLIFERATION TREATY, TO ACCEPT THAT, AT THE FIRST FALLBACK
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LEVEL ALSO, INTERNATIONAL SAFEGUARDS SHOULD APPLY TO ALL NUCLEAR
MATERIAL, NOT JUST THAT PORTION SUPPLIED BY AUSTRALIA.

"SIXTH, THE GOVERNMENT CONSIDERS THAT IT WOULD BE AN UNSATISFACTORY
SITUATION FOR URANIUM SUPPLIED BY AUSTRALIA TO ONE COUNTRY,
OR NUCLEAR MATERIAL DERIVED FROM ITS USE, TO BE ABLE TO BE
RE-EXPORTED TO A THIRD COUNTRY WITHOUT THE OPPORTUNITY FOR
AUSTRALIA TO SATISFY ITSELF THAT ADEQUATE CONTROLS WOULD APPLY
TO THE TRANSFERRED MATERIAL AND THAT THE ULTIMATE DESTINATION
IS ACCEPTABLE TO US ... THE GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED THAT BILATERAL
AGREEMENTS WITH URANIUM IMPORTING COUNTRIES SHOULD MAKE ANY
TRANSFER OF SUPPLIED MATERIAL TO A THIRD PARTY CONTINGENT ON
THE PRIOR CONSENT OF THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT.

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"SEVENTH, WE WOULD REQUIRE THAT AUSTRALIAN URANIUM SUPPLIED TO OTHER COUNTRIES FOR PEACEFUL USES NOT BE ENRICHED BEYOND 20 PERCENT URANIUM-235 WITHOUT PRIOR AUSTRALIAN CONSENT.

"EIGHTH, THE GOVERNMENT IS AWARE OF THE INTEREST OF SOME COUNTRIES IN THE REPROCESSING OF SPENT NUCLEAR FUEL TO MEET THEIR ANTICIPATED FUTURE FUEL REQUIREMENTS, AND TO FACILITATE THE MANAGEMENT OF NUCLEAR MATERIAL FOLLOWING ITS USE IN NUCLEAR REACTORS. AT THE PRESENT TIME THE NEED FOR REPROCESSING AND THE DETAILS OF AN EFFECTIVE CONTROL REGIME FOR THIS AREA OF THE NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE ARE THE SUBJECT OF CLOSE STUDY INTERNATIONALLY. THIS IS AN AREA IN WHICH THERE ARE A NUMBER OF NEW IDEAS AND INITIATIVES. THE UNITED STATES HAS PROPOSED AN INTERNATIONAL NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE EVALUATION PROGRAM TO CONSIDER VARIOUS NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLES IN TERMS OF THEIR IMPLICATIONS FOR PROLIFERATION CONTROL. THERE ARE ALSO SUCH IDEAS AS VARIOUS SCHEMES FOR MULTINATIONAL CONTROL OF REPROCESSING FACILITIES AND FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF SPENT UNCLASSIFIED

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FUEL AND PLUTONIUM. THE GOVERNMENT WELCOMES THESE STUDIES AND CONSULTATIONS AND WILL SEEK TO CONTRIBUTE ACTIVELY AND CONSTRUCTIVELY TO RELEVANT ASPECTS OF THEM SUCH AS FUEL SUPPLY ASSURANCES AND WASTE MANAGEMENT. THE GOVERNMENT'S VIEW IS THAT, PRIOR TO A CLEARER OUTCOME EMERGING FROM THIS CURRENT INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITY, IT WOULD BE PREMATURE FOR AUSTRALIA TO ADOPT A UNILATERAL POSITION ON THE DETAILED CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH WE MIGHT BE PREPARED TO AGREE TO REPROCESSING, IF ANY, OF NUCLEAR MATERIAL SUPPLIED BY AUSTRALIA. IN ORDER TO RESERVE EFFECTIVELY AUSTRALIA'S POSITION ON THIS MATTER FOR THE TIME BEING WE WOULD WISH TO MAKE PROVISION IN BILATERAL AGREEMENTS WITH COUNTRIES IMPORTING AUSTRALIAN URANIUM THAT ANY REPROCESSING OF NUCLEAR MATERIAL SUPPLIED BY AUSTRALIA MAY ONLY TAKE PLACE WITH THE PRIOR CONSENT OF THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT.

"NINTH, THE GOVERNMENT WOULD REQUIRE IN FUTURE BILATERAL AGREEMENTS THE ASSURANCE FROM URANIUM IMPORTING COUNTRIES THAT ADEQUATE PHYSICAL SECURITY WILL BE MAINTAINED ON THEIR NUCLEAR INDUSTRIES. IN ADDITION, WE BELIEVE THE AGREEMENT SHOULD SPECIFY COMPLIANCE WITH STANDARDS OF PHYSICAL SECURITY BASED, AT A MINIMUM, ON INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY RECOMMENDATIONS AS PRESENTLY DEFINED AND AS UPDATED FROM TIME TO TIME. THEY SHOULD ALSO MAKE PROVISIONS FOR EXPERT LEVEL CONSULTATIONS AS NECESSARY ON PHYSICAL SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS...THE INCORPORATION OF THESE PROVISIONS IN THE GOVERNMENT'S SAFEGUARDS POLICY REFLECTS OUR CONCERN THAT TOTAL NUCLEAR CONTROL SHOULD ENCOMPASS NOT JUST SAFEGUARDS TO VERIFY THAT NUCLEAR MATERIAL IS NOT ILLICITLY DIVERTED

FROM PEACEFUL USES BY NATIONAL GOVERNMENTS OR NATIONAL
AUTHORITIES, BUT ALSO TO PROTECT NUCLEAR MATERIAL FROM
ILLEGAL USE BY GROUPS OR BY INDIVIDUALS.

"TENTH, THE ESTABLISHMENT OF EFFECTIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR
SAFEGUARDS IS ESSENTIALLY A MATTER FOR GOVERNMENTS AND FOR
INTER-GOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS, EITHER BILATERAL OR
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MULTILATERAL. NEVERTHELESS, IT IS IMPORTANT TO MAKE SURE THAT
THE ACTUAL PARTIES TO COMMERCIAL CONTRACTS, WHICH MAY BE
PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS, ARE ALSO AWARE OF THE SAFEGUARDS
OBLIGATIONS TO WHICH THEIR TRANSACTION IS SUBJECT... THE
GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED THAT IT IS DESIRABLE THAT, AS A
STANDARD PRACTICE, A CLAUSE SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN ANY FUTURE
CONTRACTS FOR THE EXPORT OF URANIUM FROM AUSTRALIA NOTING
THAT THE TRANSACTION IS SUBJECT TO SAFEGUARDS AS AGREED BETWEEN
THE IMPORTING COUNTRY AND THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT.

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"FINALLY, AS AN IMPORTANT COMPLEMENT TO THE MEASURES I HAVE OUTLINED SO FARE, THE GOVERNMENT RECOGNIZES THE IMPORTANCE OF AUSTRALIA CONTRIBUTING TO CONSTRUCTIVE MULTILATERAL EFFORTS TO STRENGTHEN SAFEGUARDS. THERE IS A NEED FOR WHAT PRESIDENT CARTER HAS DESCRIBED AS SYSTEMATIC AND THOROUGH CONSULTATIONS IN THIS AREA. WE TOO CONSIDER THAT IT IS HIGHLY DESIRABLE THAT THERE SHOULD BE THE WIDEST POSSIBLE CONSENSUS AMONGST BOTH NUCLEAR SUPPLIER COUNTRIES AND NUCLEAR IMPORTING COUNTRIES ON THE CONTROLS TO APPLY TO THE WORLD NUCLEAR INDUSTRY. THE WIDER THE CONSENSUS, THE MORE EFFECTIVE THESE CONTROLS WILL BE AS A BARRIER TO NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION. THE MORE UNIFORM THE VIEW OF THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED, THE EASIER IT WILL BE TO IMPLEMENT A PROPERLY EFFECTIVE REGIME OF CONTROLS. IT WILL BE AN INTEGRAL PART OF AUSTRALIA'S APPROACH TO SAFEGUARDS TO SEEK TO PROMOTE SUCH A CONSENSUS. IN PARTICULAR, WE WILL SEEK TO CO-ORDINATE POLICY ON SAFEGUARDS WITH OTHER LIKE-MINDED COUNTRIES. AS I NOTED ON THE OUTSET, I HAVE ALREADY INITIATED AN EXCHANGE OF CORRESPONDENCE WITH

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THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE PRIME MINISTER OF CANADA EXPRESSING THIS WISH, AND EXTREMELY VALUABLE CONSULTATIONS HAVE ALREADY TAKEN PLACE. THE POLICY I AM NOW ANNOUNCING INCORPORATES THE GOVERNMENT'S CONSIDERATION OF THESE CONSULTATIONS AND REPRESENTS A VERY SIMILAR APPROACH TO SAFEGUARDS TO THAT ADOPTED BY THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA...WE WILL ALSO CONTINUE TO ATTACH MAJOR IMPORTANCE TO THE EFFECTIVE APPLICATION OF SAFE-GUARDS BY THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY. WE WILL INVESTIGATE IF THERE ARE SPECIFIC AREAS IN WHICH AUSTRALIA COULD USEFULLY ASSIST THE AGENCY'S CAPACITY TO APPLY INCREASINGLY EFFECTIVE SAFEGUARDS... WE WOULD WISH TO LEND SUPPORT TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE PHYSICAL PROTECTION OF NUCLEAR MATERIAL IN INTERNATIONAL TRANSIT. ALSO, WE WOULD WISH TO EXPLORE WITH OTHER COUNTRIES A COMMON APPROACH TO SANCTIONS IN THE EVENT OF A BREACH OF SUPPLY CONDITIONS."

3. COMMENT: THERE HAS BEEN SOME SPECULATION AS TO WHY PRIMIN CHOSE MAKE ANNOUNCEMENT THE DAY BEFORE PUBLIC RELEASE OF "RANGER URANIUM ENVIRONMENTAL INQUIRY SECOND REPORT (FOX COMMISSION REPORT)", WHICH WILL BE SUBJECT OF SEPTTEL, RATHER THAN WAIT UNTIL ITS RELEASE. A SIMPLE AND FULLY CREDITABLE ANSWER IS THAT HE WILL BE LEAVING AUSTRALIA ON THURSDAY, MAY 26, AND HE CHOSE MAKE STATEMENT WELL BEFORE LAST HECTIC DAYS BEFORE DEPARTURE. STATEMENT CAREFULLY POINTS OUT THAT "ANNOUNCEMENT OF POLICY AT THIS STAGE IN NO WAY PREEMPTS A DECISION ON QUESTION WHETHER ANY SUCH CONTRACTS FOR THE EXPORT OF URANIUM WILL BE PERMITTED... THIS REMAINS A MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF RANGER URANIUM ENVIRONMENTAL INQUIRY". AFTER ALL, GOVERNMENT

HAS BEEN PRIVY TO CONTENTS OF SECOND RANGER REPORT FOR SOME TIME NOW. IT CAN PERHAPS BE ASSUMED THAT PRIMIN WISHED HAVE FIRM STATEMENT OF GOVERNMENT SAFEGUARDS POLICY WELL IN HAND PRIOR TO HIS MEETINGS IN EUROPE AND THE U.S.

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TO "IMPORTANT STATEMENT" BY PRESIDENT CARTER, TO HIS CORRESPONDENCE WITH PRESIDENT CARTER AND PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU, AND TO RECENT DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON BY DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER ANTHONY AND SENIOR AUSTRALIAN OFFICIALS.
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